

## Longitudinal [18F]FDG PET-MRI at 9.4 Tesla in Twitcher mice using spatial normalization

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This study presents preliminary results on the feasibility of truly simultaneous PET-MRI in live mice on a conventional 9.4T MRI system retrofitted with a miniature-PET ring. Wild-type and Twitcher mice, a model of Krabbe disease, were anaesthetized and imaged longitudinally at four time points. Simultaneously acquired MRI images allowed the generation of a model-specific brain template for voxel and atlas based analyses of the PET scans. Preliminary findings were in line with previous results from metabolomics suggestive of alterations in brain glucose metabolism in Twitcher mice. A brain region-specific analyses based on segmented MRI scans will allow the quantification and statistical analysis of the glucose uptake.

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